

Appl. No.: 10/633,269

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REMARKS

This amendment is filed as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. With this response, claims 1, 6, 7, 10 and 18 are amended, while claims 5, 13 and 20 are cancelled without prejudice. Support for the amendments can be found in the original specification, figures and/or claims and, as such, no new matter has been introduced. Thus, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-19 as selectively amended remain pending.

At the onset, Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the identification of patentable subject matter.

In an effort to conclude prosecution of this matter, without necessarily accepting or adopting the position of the Office, Applicant has amended the claims as above thereby placing the case in condition for allowance. Applicant notes that the cancellation of the claims is made without prejudice, as Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims in a continuation application. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of the remaining claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-19 as selectively amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. *The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.*

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